

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/595,982	SPARKES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Status of Application:** Notice of Allowability Issued

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**Date of Interview:** 15 September 2010

**Time:** 3:52 p.m.

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

102(b) / 103(a)

Claims discussed:

1, 3, 4 and 22

Prior art documents discussed:

Lloyd, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0140206

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

In order to advance prosecution and avoid any potential modified or new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103(a) and to fully overcome the prior art of Lloyd (U.S. 2002/0140206), Mr. Jones agreed to an Examiner's Amendment in which independent claims 1 and 22 further recite "A CURVED PORTION OF the U-shaped clevis being significantly wider than it is thick" (and hence substantially flat in cross-section). Additionally, claims 3, 4 and 22 were also amended to correct minor informalities (see Examiner's Amendment). Finally, the Specification was amended to further explain that the curved portion of the U-shaped clevis forms the closed end 38 (also see Examiner's Amendment).